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SUBJECT: OAS CHARTER REFORM-VISITS TO CAPITALS

REF: 75 MANAGUA 4738

1. AMBASSADOR AND AMBASSADOR TO OAS MAILLIARD MET WITH FONMIN MONTIEL TO BRING HIM UP TO DATE ON OAS CHARTER REFORM EVENTS SINCE EARLY DECEMBER. MAILLIARD REVIEWED US POSITION ON COLLECTIVE ECONOMIC SECURITY AND CALVO DOCTRINE AND STATED US OBJECTIONS TO PLACING CONDITIONS ON ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO LDCS. MAILLIARD ALSO DISCUSSED POSSIBLE CHANGES IN ARTICLE VIII, MINI-STATE PROBLEM AND CHANGES IN OAS STRUCTURE INCLUDING DOWNGRADING ROLE OF PERMANENT COUNCIL.

2. MONTIEL SAID HE HAD SPOKEN WITH ORFILA EARLIER THIS WEEK AND SUPPORTED THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S SUGGESTION THAT AMENDMENTS BE LIMITED TO AREAS WHERE THERE WAS UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT, LEAVING OTHER MATTERS FOR LATER.

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SIGNIFICANTLY, HE THOUGH THAT THIS APPROACH COULD GAIN

WIDESPREAD SUPPORT AMONG THE MEMBERS, BELIEVING THAT ONLY PANAMA AND PERU WOULD OBJECT TO IT.

3. ON ARTICLE VIII MONTIEL SAID HE HAD SUGGESTED TO GUATEMALA HIS IDEA (SEE 75 MANAGUA 4738) OF DISTINGUISHING BETWEEN DISPUTES INVOLVING ONLY BOUNDARIES AND THOSE INVOLVING THE ENTIRE TERRITORY OF A STATE. HE SAID THE GUATEMALANS AGREED A CHANGE ALONG THESE LINES WAS FEASIBLE. HE THOUGHT THE IDEA OF MODIFYING ARTICLE VIII TO PERMIT MEMBERSHIP OF A STATE WITH A BOUNDARY DISPUTE BARRING THE OBJECTION OF THE OTHER INTERESTED PARTY WAS ALSO POSSIBLE AND COULD BE INCORPORATED INTO HIS PROPOSAL.

4. MONTIEL THOUGHT THE IDEA OF ABOLISHING OR SEVERELY DOWNGRADING THE COUNCIL WAS TOO RADICAL. HE SAID TO RETURN MOST OF THE PRESENT FUNCTIONS TO THE OASGA WOULD MEAN CONSTANT MODIFICATIONS IN STRUCTURE AS CONDITIONS AND NEEDS CHANGED. HE ALSO HAD DOUBTS SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT WOULD PERMIT RAPID IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RIO TREATY. BUT THE BIGGEST PROBLEM, HE SAID, WAS THAT THE PROPOSAL WOULD NEVER GET SUFFICIENT SUPPORT AMONG THE MEMBERS AND THAT IT WOULD BE FRUITLESS TO TRY. HE INDICATED THAT THERE WERE TOO MANY VESTED INTERESTS AT STAKE IN THE PERMANENT COUNCIL FOR IT TO SUCCEED.

5. MONTI AW HAD NO SUGGESTIONS ON THE MINI-STATE ISSUE. HE SAW NO OBJECTIONS TO THE IDEA OF ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP BUT DOUBTED IT WOULD SUCCEED BECAUSE OF THE DIFFICULTY OF AGREEING UPON A WORKABLE FORMULA FOR DISTINGUISHING AMONG STATES.

6. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE INTERVIEW, MONTIEL REASSURED US OF NICARAGUA'S COMPLETE SUPPORT AND COOPERATION IN ACHIEVING A SENSIBLE CHARTER REFORM.
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